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1. IN EFFECT CONFIRMING YESTERDAY'S PRESS REPORTS (REFTEL),  
PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS TOLD NEWSMEN AFTER HIS JANUARY 26  
MEETING IN BRUSSELS WITH NATO SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS THAT THE  
TWO LEADERS HAD "AGREED THAT NEGOTIATIONS ON GREECE'S PRO-  
POSED SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP SHOULD BE SPEEDED UP", ACCORDING  
TO THE SEMI-OFFICIAL ATHENS NEWS AGENCY (ANA) AND OTHER GREEK  
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PRESS REPORTS FROM BRUSSELS. ACCORDING TO THESE REPORTS, LUNS  
ALSO CONFIRMED THAT AGREEMENT AND DESCRIBED THE MEETING AS  
"CORDIAL AND SINCERE"; CARAMANLIS SAID HE WAS "SATISFIED".

2. AS TO A POSSIBLE TIME-TABLE, ANA AND OTHER PRESS  
STORIES MENTION RELIABLE REPORTS THAT CARAMANLIS "DREW  
LUNS' ATTENTION" IN THEIR MEETING TO THE NEED TO

COMPLETE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BY JUNE. LUNS IS SAID TO HAVE PLEDGED TO DO "ALL HE COULD" FOR TALKS TO ENTER A SUBSTANTIVE PHASE "IN A FEW DAYS."

3. LUNS IS ALSO SAID TO HAVE DISAVOWED ANY NATO PRESSURE ON GREECE, ALTHOUGH "IT WAS NATURAL FOR THE ALLIANCE TO WISH FOR GREECE'S RETURN." WHEN QUESTIONED, BOTH REPORTEDLY RESPONDED THAT THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WILL COVER GREEK NATIONAL SECURITY AND ALLIANCE DEFENSE INTERESTS.

4. ADDITIONALLY, SEVERAL ATHENS DAILIES SUPPLEMENT THEIR COVERAGE OF THE LUNS-CARAMANLIS TALK WITH SPECULATION ON THE POSSIBILITY OF NEW GREEK NATO HEADQUARTERS IN THESSALONIKI, COMPARABLE TO THE RESTRUCTURING OF NATO IZMIR COMMANDS IN JUNE, AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP ARRANGEMENTS.

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